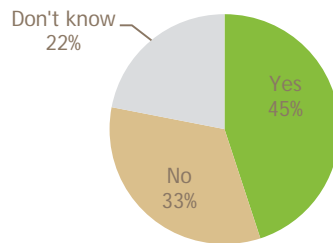




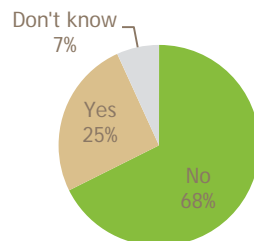
AFF Redundancy Survey September 2011- October 2011

288 responses

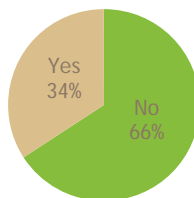
Q1 Were you or your spouse eligible for redundancy?



Q2 Did you or your spouse volunteer for redundancy?



Q3 Have you or your spouse been made redundant?



Q4 How will this redundancy decision affect you and your family?

"The unexpected news of my husband's redundancy has thrown all our lives into complete turmoil. Not only are we faced with finding new jobs and finding a new home, we will have to remove our sons from their school

which they have only been attending since May 11. The time my husband's services are no longer needed our sons will be going into their final year of school and taking their GCSE's. At a critical time of our children's education this has caused a huge amount of upset for them and no amount of money will make it any easier for them or us!"

"We are very excited to be leaving a failing organisation and starting a new life together. Although it is slightly scary this is something we really wanted"

"It will be a new start for us, and we are very happy. We have got to the point where we want to settle down in one place, especially for our children to go through the important school years without having to be moved every few years. So for us the redundancy is a good thing!"

"We are concerned over the continuing uncertainty as similar criteria will be applied for Tranche 2, 3, 4 (and 5, 6, 7?) Making long term planning difficult"

Q5 Do you have any other comments to make about the Redundancy Announcement?

"My husband has done 21 years in the army and has been knocked for six with being made redundant and I know it's going to very hard for him to adjust as he joined at the age of 16 and would have stayed in till his dying day if possible. Why is it people who volunteered for redundancy didn't all get it yet my husband got it but didn't want it?? Why cause all this upset to families when there are others that would love the news my husband received?"

"I am concerned that, as I am stationed overseas, I will not be able to get home in time to take advantage of my resettlement entitlement. I have already been told by DE that I am not entitled to quartering on my arrival in UK as I would be in my last six months of service. My wife must go home early, live in a hotel at our own expense and look for rented accommodation, but only after we have taken out a loan to cover the deposit and first month's rent as our terminal benefits are not available until after I have left the Army"

"Greater preparation should be made for the transition into civvi street, especially for the wives. We have to pick up and leave jobs so often when it does come time to join our civilian peers we are not on par with them and therefore our families suffer financially. Wives should be offered resettlement training as well so both husband and wife has the best opportunity to find new jobs when the MOD is done with them"

"I note that there will be no consolidated list of those selected for redundancy. Hence we are forced to rely upon jungle drums or the explicit face to face question. Whilst I was not eligible for Tranche 1, my wife, and my children in boarding school have the doubt and uncertainty preying on

our minds for the remaining tranches, especially with the additional 5000 added to the redundancy totals and the delay to the Tranche two eligibility announcement. I am unable to make any informed decisions on my and my family's future. We (collective service personnel) have fulfilled our part of the bargain at all times. The chain of command should be in no doubt that morale in the armed forces is at an all-time low. I am now witnessing the terminal decline of the British Army. My eldest son had expressed an interest in following his father's footsteps - I am now advising him that military service is no longer a worthwhile endeavour"